

**481—56.14 (135C) Licensee’s response to a citation.** Within 20 business days after service of a citation, the facility shall respond in the following manner, according to the type of citation issued.

**56.14(1)** If the facility does not desire to seek an informal conference or contest the citation, the facility shall remit to the department of inspections and appeals the amount specified by the department of inspections and appeals in the citation unless:

*a.* The violation was issued in conjunction with a federal civil money penalty, and the department holds the fine issued pursuant to this chapter in abeyance pursuant to Iowa Code section 249A.57, or

*b.* The class II violation for which the penalty was imposed has been waived pursuant to subrule 56.3(2).

**56.14(2)** For each class II or class III violation, the facility shall send a written response to the department of inspections and appeals, acknowledging that the citation has been received and stating that the violation will be corrected within the specified period of time allowed by the citation.

**56.14(3)** If the facility desires to contest a citation for a class I, class II or class III violation, the facility shall notify the department of inspections and appeals in writing that the facility desires to contest such citation and shall do one of the following:

*a.* Request an informal conference with an independent reviewer pursuant to rule 481—56.15(135C); or

*b.* Request a contested case hearing in the manner provided by Iowa Code chapter 17A for contested cases.

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